

# ***Conservation programs got you puzzled?***



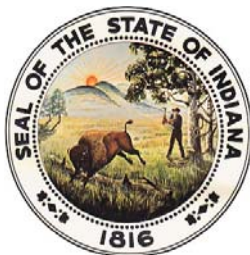
## **T-CAP**



**could be your missing piece**

## ***Low interest loans to participate One-on-one assistance to navigate***

The Treasurer's Conservation Assistance Program (T-CAP) offers restoration aid to landowners who qualify for federal and state conservation programs because of the statewide flooding in June. T-CAP offers low interest loan assistance to landowners who must provide matching funds to participate in the conservation programs. In addition, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture also offers one-on-one technical assistance to landowners to help them navigate the conservation program system.



"Governor Daniels and I want to make sure our Hoosier farmers have all the resources they need to get back to work. The restoration aid will help farmers recover from damages and keep our agricultural industry strong."

- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman

"Through T-CAP, ISDA and the Treasurer of State's Office, partnering with local financial institutions, can provide critical assistance to Hoosier farmers who suffered damages to their farmlands caused by the statewide flooding in June. By working together, Hoosier farmers can get back to what they do best, farming and supporting Indiana's economy!"

-Richard Mourdock  
State Treasurer

Visit <http://www.in.gov/isda/3105.htm> and click "On Farm Assistance" for local ISDA contact information.

# *Low interest loans to participate*

## *One-on-one assistance to navigate*

Federal conservation programs typically cover 75% of conservation project costs. T-CAP can provide low interest loan assistance for the remaining 25%. Local ISDA representatives are available throughout disaster relief areas to provide one-on-one, on-farm assistance to landowners interested in the conservation programs below.

### ***Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)***

- Emergency funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters
- Sign-up periods: Producers should check with their local county USDA Farm Service Agency offices regarding ECP sign-up periods, which are set by county USDA Farm Service Agency committees.
- Deadline: Incremental 20 day sign-ups. Check with USDA Service Center for the official deadline.

### ***Emergency Watershed Program (EWP)***

- Emergency funding to relieve hazards to life and property, including debris removal, stream protection, cover crops, conservation repair, and the purchase of flood plain easements
- Must have a local sponsor (such as a group or government entity)
- Cost share can be cash or in-kind
- Deadline: Ongoing sign-ups. Check with USDA Service Center for the official deadline.

### ***Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)***

- An opportunity to secure assistance to implement conservation needs on private lands
- Land retirement to decrease erosion and safeguard ground
- Receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance
- Establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland
- 10-15 year contract
- Deadline: TBD

### ***Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)***

- Addresses high-priority conservation issues
- Land retirement to decrease erosion and safeguard ground
- Receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance
- Establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland
- 10-15 year contract
- Deadline: TBD

### ***Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)***

- Conservation program that offers financial and technical assistance to install structural and management practices on agricultural land
- Deadline: TBD

To learn more about these programs, contact your local ISDA representative.  
To learn more about T-CAP, please visit [www.state.in.us/tos/2829.htm](http://www.state.in.us/tos/2829.htm)